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## KEY VOTE ALERT

### YES on CAFTA

June 21, 2005

The Club for Growth, with its 31,000 members, plans to score a "YES" vote on the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) in its rating of Congress.

The vote on CAFTA may well be the most important vote on free trade in this Congress. More than 80% of Central American imports to the U.S. are already duty-free. CAFTA will sharply reduce taxes and other barriers on American exports, thus opening up their market to our products. This Central American region, along with the Dominican Republic, is already our 13<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner. The National Association of Manufacturers estimates exports would increase by \$1 billion, leading to 12,000 new American jobs.

Adoption of CAFTA would also promote peace and democracy in a region that was only recently rife with political instability. CAFTA will strengthen our ties with the countries involved, with the future goal of realizing complete and total free trade in the Western Hemisphere.

Our Congressional Scorecard for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress provides a comprehensive rating of how well or how poorly each member of Congress supports pro-growth, free-market policies and will be distributed to our members and the public.

Sincerely,



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